MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Is the order still in force?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Is a copy of the order available now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is not available.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJURISHNAN: May I know where that order exists?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is a notice board put up.

PRESIDENT: That, I suppose, is the order.

Prices of food stuffs.

254. * MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state what are the measures taken at present by them to control the prices of foodstuffs and to stop unlimited profiteering?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Division and Taluk Committees have been formed and there is a Central Board functioning in Trivandrum. With the aid of reports and weekly reviews of the prices prevailing in different centres of the State, Government have been periodically fixing the maximum prices for different varieties of imported rice based on the ruling market prices at Cochin.

Government have also stocked some rice which is available to the public for sale at reasonable rates. They are also keeping a careful watch over the situation which is well under control.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know where the rice is stocked?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: At Valiathurai.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the price?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: It was recently sold at Rs. 10 annas 2 per bag.

Bridge at Nalkalikal.

255. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether sanction has already been accorded and funds provided in the current year's budget for the construction of a bridge at Nalkalikal on the Pandalam-Aranmula road between the villages of Aranmula and Kidangannur in Aranmula pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) the steps hitherto taken for the construction of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work has already been started and the Land Acquisition proceedings are in progress.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the nature of the work so far done for the construction of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: All the reinforced concrete piles have been moulded.

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